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SUBJECT: Comments on Draft Decision Memo on Task

Force on Procedures for the Public Release of Information Under FOIA, Privacy Act, and

Other Programs

1. I strongly endorse your decisions on the task force's recommendations. They should provide a potential basis for strengthening the Agency's release programs. In particular, I would strongly support additional resources for the DO; their lack of resources has caused recurring bottlenecks in the Historical Review Program and other programs for public release of Agency information.

2. I have one specific recommendation. The section dealing with the relationship of the C/IRP to the Historical Review Group (paragraph 2, b on page 2) could be interpreted as providing C/IRP authority to weaken the Group's release guidelines (which were established in accordance with your guidance that the program be "biased toward declassification"). I suggest that the following be added at the end of the paragraph: "This is not to result in a weakening of the guidelines for release of historical documents or a lessening of HRG's authority to release as described in HR 70-14."

David D. Gries

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